

The Nutcracker Parents Handout

Rehearsals:

1. Rehearsals will be held at the Red Barn in Hunter or at the Orpheum Film and Performing Arts Center in Tannersville.
2. Rehearsals will be either on Saturdays or Sundays. If needed, a second rehearsal could be added.
3. Rehearsal time and location will be set each Tuesday by 3pm. Call Catskill Mountain Foundation's dedicated phone line for Nutcracker rehearsals, **518-263-2040**. When calling in, you will hear a recorded message. Be sure to listen to the *entire* message, as there may be unexpected changes pertaining to your child's rehearsal at the end.
4. Please be on time. If a child is called for a 12:00 rehearsal, they must be in the building ready to go at 12:00. Your child's presence will affect the rest of the cast.
5. Your child must be dressed to move, no hats, jackets, boots, etc. You will be asked to buy a pair of ballet slippers: *pink for the girls, black for the boys*. It is necessary to protect the floor for the dancers in pointe shoes.
6. Girls must have a light pink leotard and tights. These will be the base for their costumes, which will be supplied.
7. The only beverage allowed into the rehearsal studio or backstage is **WATER**. Absolutely NO sports drinks or other sugar-based, colored drinks are allowed.
8. No jewelry (it can be a safety hazard).
9. Please be sure to pick up your child promptly at the end of rehearsal.
10. As a dancer in *The Nutcracker*, your child will appear onstage with highly trained professional ballet dancers. Your child's presence at every rehearsal is vitally important to the success of the performance. Because rehearsals are mandatory, if your child cannot make this level of commitment, please let us know immediately.
11. Attendance at rehearsal is **REQUIRED** for both your child and the other children who they dance with. *If your child will miss due to an emergency, contact Victoria by email BEFORE rehearsal.*

Volunteers:

I am looking for parents to help backstage to:

1. Dress children and make sure they make their entrances.
2. Steam costumes, and make small repairs.
3. If anyone is handy with a sewing machine or needle, please let us know.
4. Help with rehearsals generally.

Other important items:

1. For at least a 10% discount off regular pricing for ballet slippers and other dancewear, please visit **First Street Dancewear, 10 First Street, Saugerties, NY and ask for Jane**.
2. Please make sure that you have provided us with a correct email address and phone number, for both regular notices and in case of emergency.
3. If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child, you must provide us with a signed note including your name, the name of the child, name of the person picking up your child and the date(s) involved. Permission slips are available at auditions.